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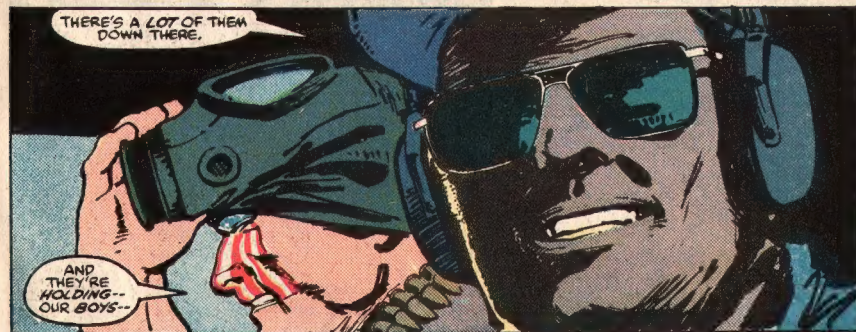
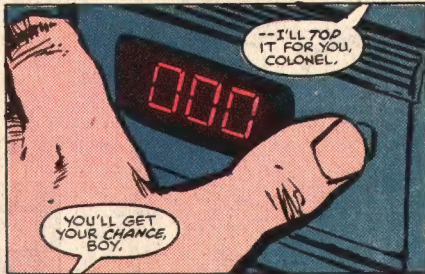
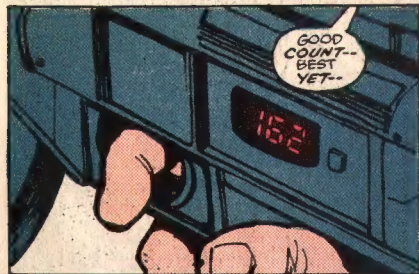
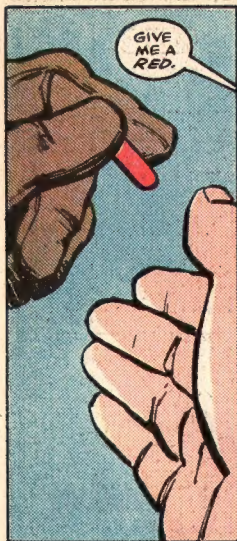
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IN AROUND THE  
EDGES AND THE  
COLONEL'S VOICE  
STOPS BLOWING  
THINGS DOWN.

--OUR  
BOYS--

BETSY, SHE KNOWS  
WHAT TO DO. THE  
PROGRAM'S ALL  
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STAGE  
ONE.

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SHE KNOWS  
WHAT TO DO.

SHE KEEPS  
THE COUNT.

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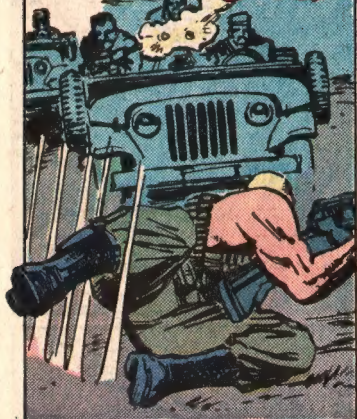
RED'S KICKING IN  
BUT GOOD NOW--  
ADRENALIN RUSH  
LIKE A ROCKET  
BLAST--

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GIVE  
ME A  
WHITE.



WHERE  
NEXT?

YOU'RE NOT  
GOING TO  
BELIEVE  
THIS, BOY.



YOU'RE HOPPING A  
CIVILIAN PLANE.  
GOING STATESIDE.  
NEW YORK.

ORDER CAME  
DOWN WHILE YOU  
WERE MOPPING UP.  
STRAIGHT FROM  
THE GENERAL.



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HAVE GOTTEN HIMSELF  
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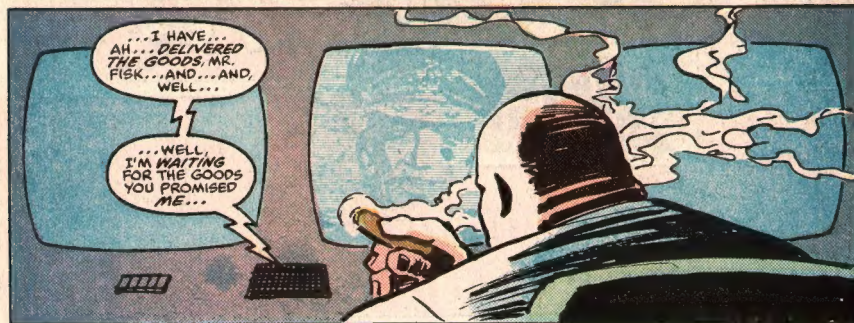
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TAKE MY CALL, MR. FISK...  
AH...JUST THOUGHT YOU'D  
BE GLAD TO KNOW...

...AH...NUKE--I MEAN AGENT  
SIMPSON...WELL, HE'S EN ROUTE,  
MR. FISK. COMING YOUR WAY,  
JUST LIKE YOU...LIKE YOU  
WANTED...



...I HAVE...  
AH...DELIVERED  
THE GOODS, MR.  
FISK...AND...AND,  
WELL...

...WELL,  
I'M WAITING  
FOR THE GOODS  
YOU PROMISED  
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NUKE.

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AND NOW THE KING-  
PIN OF CRIME WILL  
HIM THIS NUKIE AT  
THE MAN HE IS  
LEARNING TO HATE.

THE MAN HE IS  
LEARNING TO  
FEAR.

MURDOCK.

KAREN PAGE TRIES TO SCREAM  
BUT THE ONLY SOUND SHE  
CAN MAKE IS A DRY SUCKING--

--SUCKING. SHE THINKS OF  
WHAT SHE LEARNED IN COLLEGE  
--IN SCIENCE CLASS--WHAT SHE  
LEARNED ABOUT BLACK HOLES--

--STARS THAT COLLAPSE IN  
ON THEMSELVES AND STOP  
SHINING-- COLLAPSE UNTIL  
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT  
LESS THAN NOTHING--

--JUST A HOLE THAT SUCKS  
EVERYTHING IN AND TAKES IT  
NOWHERE-- JUST SUCKS  
AND SUCKS--

--AND SHE'D GO SHE'D DISAPPEAR  
AND IT WOULDN'T MATTER-- BUT  
HIS ARMS ARE STRONG AND HE  
HOLDS HER HERE ON EARTH--

--THINK OF HIM-- THINK  
OF MATT MURDOCK--

--MATT-- THEY ALMOST  
GOT MARRIED ONCE  
BEFORE SHE WENT FOR  
THE MOVIES-- BEFORE  
SHE LEFT HIM TO BECOME  
A STAR--

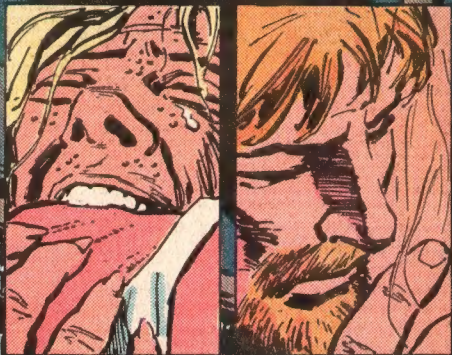
--AND THE MOVIES GOT  
WORSE AND WORSE AND  
PIECE BY PIECE KAREN  
PAGE SOLD HER SOUL--

--THE LAST PIECE SHE SOLD  
FOR A SHOT OF HEROIN--  
A LOUSY FIX FOR THE LOUSY  
JUNKIE SHE'D BECOME--

--THE LAST PIECE OF HER--  
MATT-- SHE SOLD MATT OUT--  
TOLD A PUSHER THAT MATT  
IS DAREDEVIL--

--AND THE PUSHER SOLD THAT  
TO MATT'S ENEMIES-- AND  
THEY TOOK MATT'S HOME  
AND CAREER AND EVERYTHING--

--NO-- NOT EVERYTHING--





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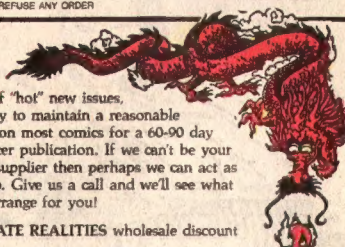
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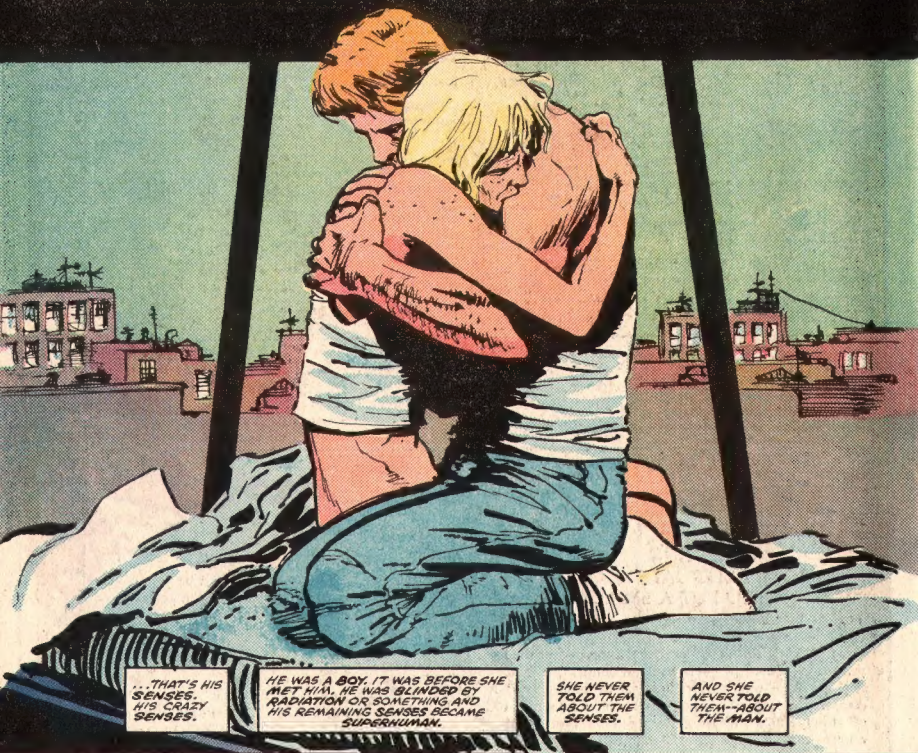
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--"I'VE LOST NOTHING," MATT SAID, AND LAUGHED LIKE A BOY--

--AND KAREN DIDN'T UNDERSTAND--AND MATT KISSED HER--

--AND HELD HER...

... AND KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY AND WHEN TO MAKE HER EAT AND HOW TO TOUCH THE MUSCLES IN HER BACK TO MAKE HER SLEEP...



... THAT'S HIS SENSES. HIS CRAZY SENSES.

HE WAS A BOY. IT WAS BEFORE SHE MET HIM. HE WAS BLINDED BY RADIATION OR SOMETHING AND HIS REMAINING SENSES BECAME SUPERHUMAN.

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From the length  
of my ENTOURAGE,  
you'd think I'm  
a visiting DIGNI-  
TARY--or a CROOK.

I'm NEITHER.  
My name is  
BEN URICH. I'm  
a REPORTER.

These days, I'm  
a reporter in  
the HOT SEAT--  
investigating  
the city's top  
CRIMINAL--the  
KINGPIN--and  
trying to stay  
ALIVE all the  
while.

Staying ALIVE  
involves finding  
the Kingpin's  
ENEMY--and my  
FRIEND. A man  
named MATT  
MURDOCK who  
has a lot of  
SECRETS and  
seems to have  
grown MORE.

Like  
where  
he is.

YOU'VE BEEN  
CLOSE TO  
MURDOCK SINCE  
COLLEGE, HAVEN'T  
YOU, MR. NELSON?

CLOSE AS  
ANYBODY,  
I GUESS.

LOOK, I'LL ONLY  
TALK IF IT'S GOING  
TO HELP MATT, MR.  
URICH. I MEAN, SUPPOSE  
HE DOESN'T WANT  
TO BE FOUND...



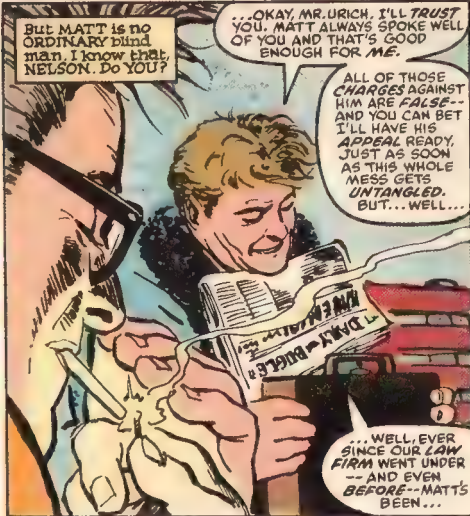
YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD  
IDEA FOR A BLIND  
MAN TO WANDER  
OFF ALONE?

NO,  
BUT...

BUT MATT IS NO  
ORDINARY blind  
man. I know that,  
NELSON. DO YOU?

...OKAY, MR. URICH, I'LL TRUST  
YOU. MATT ALWAYS SPOKE WELL  
OF YOU AND THAT'S GOOD  
ENOUGH FOR ME.

ALL OF THOSE  
CHARGES AGAINST  
HIM ARE FALSE--  
AND YOU CAN BET  
I'LL HAVE HIS  
APPEAL READY,  
JUST AS SOON  
AS THIS WHOLE  
MESS GETS  
UNTANGLED.  
BUT... WELL...



...WELL, EVER  
SINCE OUR LAW  
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--AND EVEN  
BEFORE-- MATT'S  
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...WELL, I SPOKE WITH HIM-- I MEAN, HE **PHONED** ME, AFTER HIS HOUSE BLEW UP, AND... HE SOUNDED VERY **CONFUSED**...

HE SOUNDED **CRAZY**, MR. NELSON. I'VE SPOKEN WITH HIM MYSELF.

I WOULDN'T GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT. MATT'S ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF **HIGH STRUNG**. I MEAN, YOU JUST CAN'T ALWAYS **WORRY**...

...I'M SURE HE'LL BE... LOOK, LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I'VE GOT WORKED UP FOR THE **APPEAL**.



OF COURSE, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF **EVIDENCE** TO-- **WHOOPS**--



**DARN** IT-- I'M SUCH A--

WHERE DID YOU GET THESE **PHOTOS**?



**GLORI... UM**  
... **GLORIANNA**  
**O'BREEN**...  
SHE'S--

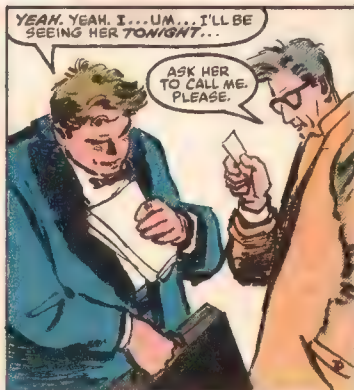


MATT'S **GIRLFRIEND**? HE NEVER TOLD ME. BUT THEN, HE WOULDN'T **KNOW**...

WILL YOU BE **SEEING** HER ANY TIME **SOON**?

**YEAH. YEAH. I... UM... I'LL BE**  
**SEEING HER TONIGHT**...

**ASK HER** TO CALL ME. **PLEASE**.





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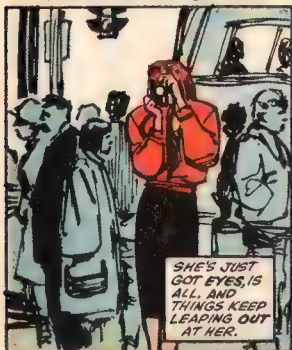
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SHE'S JUST GOT EYES, IS ALL, AND THINGS KEEP LEAPING OUT AT HER.

LIKE THAT MAN THERE SO BIG AND TOUGH AND JUST THE SAME HOLDING ONTO THAT JACKHAMMER FOR DEAR LIFE--



-- JUST LEAPED OUT AND BEGGED TO BE TAKEN.

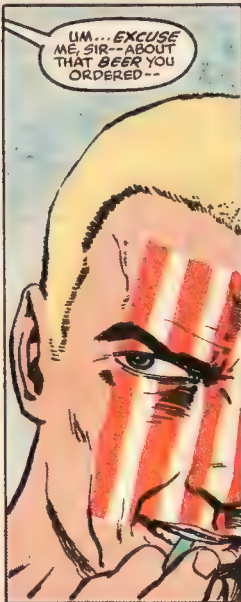


IT'S ALMOST ROBBERY, THINKS GLORIANNA O'BREEN.

GIVE ME A BLUE.



UM... EXCUSE ME, SIR-- ABOUT THAT BEER YOU ORDERED--



-- WE DON'T HAVE THE BRAND YOU ASKED FOR-- IT ISN'T MADE ANYMORE-- SO WE SUBSTITUTED--

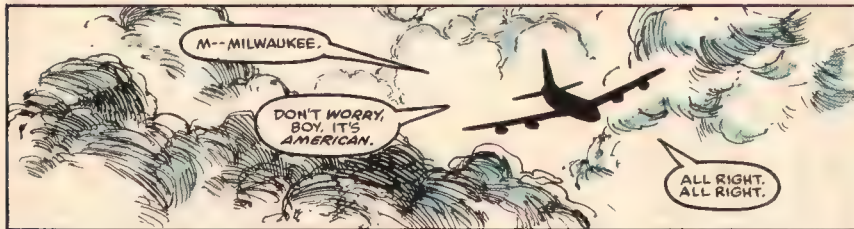


AAAA--

THIS BRAND-- WHERE WAS IT BREWED?

M-- MILWAUKEE.

DON'T WORRY, BOY, IT'S AMERICAN.



ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT.



TROUBLE, MR. FISK. IT'S  
YOUR GIRL LOIS.

SINCE SHE WAS  
APPREHENDED TRYING  
TO MURDER BEN URICH'S  
WIFE-- SHE'S BEEN  
TALKING ABOUT  
YOU.

THE DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY HAS AGREED  
TO REDUCED CHARGES  
IN EXCHANGE FOR HER  
TURNING STATE'S  
EVIDENCE.

I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT ALL. EVER  
SINCE URICH GOT ON YOUR CASE,  
HE'S BEEN COZY WITH THE D.A.--

-- AND NOW  
HE'S LANDED AN  
INTERVIEW WITH  
LOIS.

COMMISSIONER... YOU WILL SEE  
TO IT THAT OFFICER COOGAN IS ON  
DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW.

THAT  
IS ALL.

MR. FISK--  
ABOUT THOSE  
PICTURES...

EMBARRASSING, AREN'T THEY,  
COMMISSIONER? SUCH AN ORDINARY  
COCKTAIL WAITRESS. YOUR  
WIFE WOULD BE INSULTED.

YOU NEED NOT WORRY, MY  
FRIEND. I WILL KEEP THE  
PHOTOS SAFE.

QUITE  
SAFE.

AW, GLORI, I WAS  
COUNTING ON  
TONIGHT... WHAT?  
A NEW JOB?...

THE DAILY BUGLE.  
NO KIDDING. I GUESS  
URICH WAS SERIOUS.  
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU  
WERE...

...NO, HONEY,  
I DIDN'T MEAN  
ANYTHING  
BY THAT...

...IT'S JUST THAT YOUR  
PHOTOGRAPHY NEVER...  
I MEAN, YOU NEVER TALKED  
ABOUT IT... NO, NO--  
MORE LIKE A HOBBY...

...YES, I GUESS  
I DO KNOW NOW...  
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY  
FOR YOU, HONEY...

...WELL, I JUST  
WANTED TO TALK TO  
YOU... IT'S THIS JOB. IT...

...OH, FOR CORPORATE  
WORK IT'S OKAY... AND  
THE PAY IS GREAT...  
BUT...

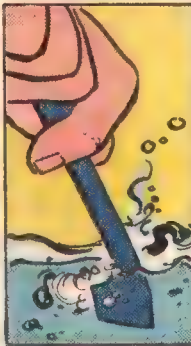
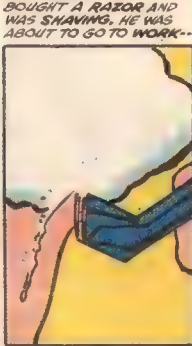
...BUT SOME OF  
THE WORK THEY DO  
HERE... I'M NOT SURE  
IT'S LEGITIMATE...

HE'D BEEN UP ALL NIGHT WITH HER.

IT WAS EARLY IN THE MORNING AND HE BOUGHT A RAZOR AND WAS SHAVING. HE WAS ABOUT TO GO TO WORK--

--HE ACTUALLY LIKES THAT JOB HE FOUND--

--WHEN KAREN FELL ASLEEP.



SHE WOKE ALONE BUT THAT'S OKAY NOW. THE WORST IS OVER. FOR ME IT'S OVER, SHE THINKS--

--BUT MATT-- WHAT'S HE GOING THROUGH?

AND WHAT'S HE WAITING FOR?

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT HE KEEPS TOUCHING THE COSTUME AND PACING AND FROWNING LIKE A LITTLE KID WHO HAS TO STAY AFTER CLASS. WHY DOESN'T HE JUST PUT THE THING ON AND DANCE ACROSS THE BUILDINGS-- HE'S LIKE A GOD WHEN HE DOES THAT-- HE'S ACHING FOR IT...

WE'VE BOTH CHANGED, MATT. I USED TO WORRY WHEN YOU DID PUT IT ON. BUT NOW...

... YOU'RE WARM AND SWEET AND STRONG BUT THERE'S SOMETHING... SOMETHING NEW...

... SOMETHING COLD AND HARD. SOMETHING WAITING.

SOMETHING FRIGHTENING.

HE'S STILL MATT. SHE THINKS, AND  
328695





It's the city JAIL.  
They call it the  
TOMBS. They have  
their REASONS.

SAVE YOUR FILM,  
GLORI. LOCATION  
SHOTS YOU CAN SELL  
TO TOURISTS. GET  
THE PEOPLE--AND  
GET THE ACTION.  
THAT'S WHAT STORIES  
ARE MADE OF.

YOU'VE  
EXPLAINED  
IT WELL  
ENOUGH,  
MR. URICH.

SHOULDN'T GET TESTY  
WITH URICH, GLOR--  
JAMESON MADE HIM  
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU.  
AND URICH, HE'S A REAL  
LOWER. DOESN'T EVEN  
LIKE HAVING THE COP  
ALONG.

**KLIK**

DRIVES HIM CRAZY HAVING  
ME. BUT JAMESON SAID HE  
NEEDS AN ASSOCIATE AND  
I GOT JUST THE RIGHT  
FRIENDS.

SHUT UP  
BLANDERS

I'M NO  
LONER,  
GLORI...

YOU'RE CLOSE  
TO LOSING  
THAT ARM.

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DAILY BUGLE.

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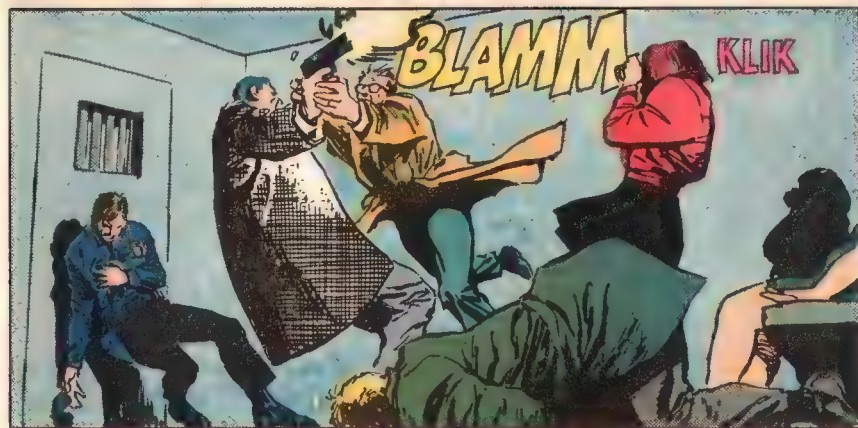
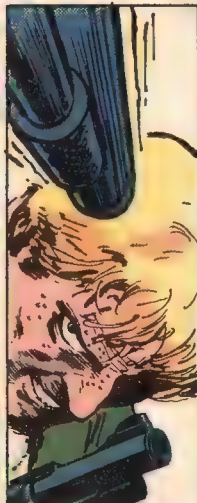
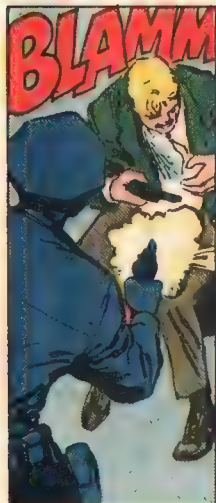
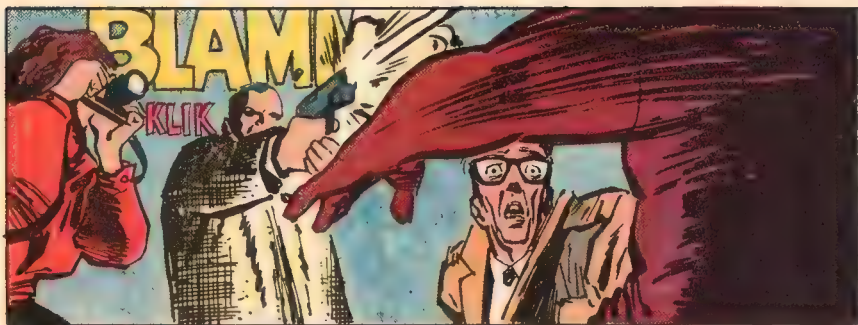
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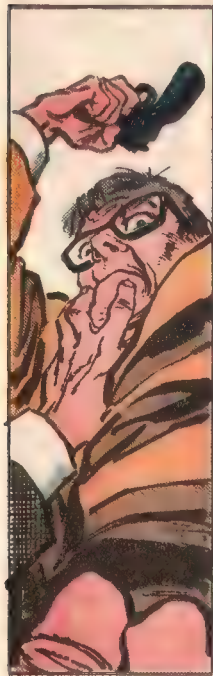
DON'T HAVE  
TO LOCK IT.  
COOGAN. THERE'S  
PLENTY OF US...

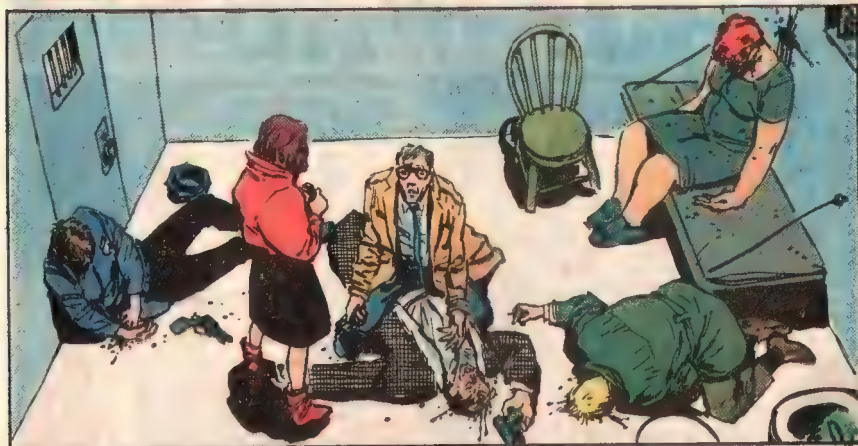
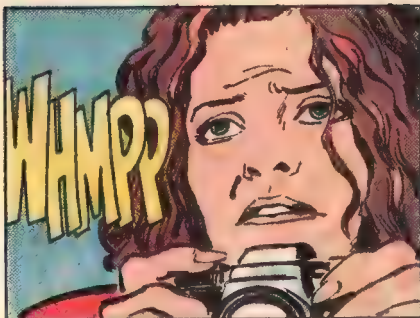
COOGAN  
--WHAT ARE  
YOU--

WH--









YOUR PREDECESSOR--THE FIRST  
SUPER SOLDIER--FACED SIMPLER  
TIMES THAN OURS, MY FRIEND... AND  
SIMPLER WARS. SO MUCH HAS  
CHANGED.

SO MUCH... WE  
WHO LOVE AMERICA  
ARE NOW SURROUNDED  
--BY LYING ASSASSINS  
AND SOFT-HEARTED  
FOOLS.

WE PATRIOTS--  
THEY LAUGH AT  
US, MY SON...

...I AM SORRY YOU  
REMINDE ME SO OF MY OWN  
SON--A FINE BOY HE  
IS, A VETERAN...

...I SHALL BE  
HONEST WITH YOU.  
THERE ARE MANY  
WHO OPPOSE ME.

I AM UNDER CONSTANT SCRUTINY  
BY THE POLICE. I AM IN THE  
STRICTEST DEFINITION OF THE  
LAW, A CRIMINAL.

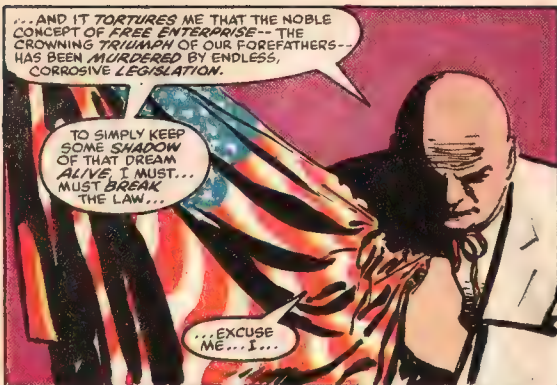
I KNOW THIS  
STARTLES YOU.  
BUT, AS I SAID--  
SO MUCH HAS CHANGED.  
AMERICA'S ENEMIES  
HAVE GROWN SO STRONG  
THAT OUR BOYS DIE  
IN ASIAN JUNGLES--

--AND OUR  
PEOPLE WILL  
NOT HONOR  
THEM...





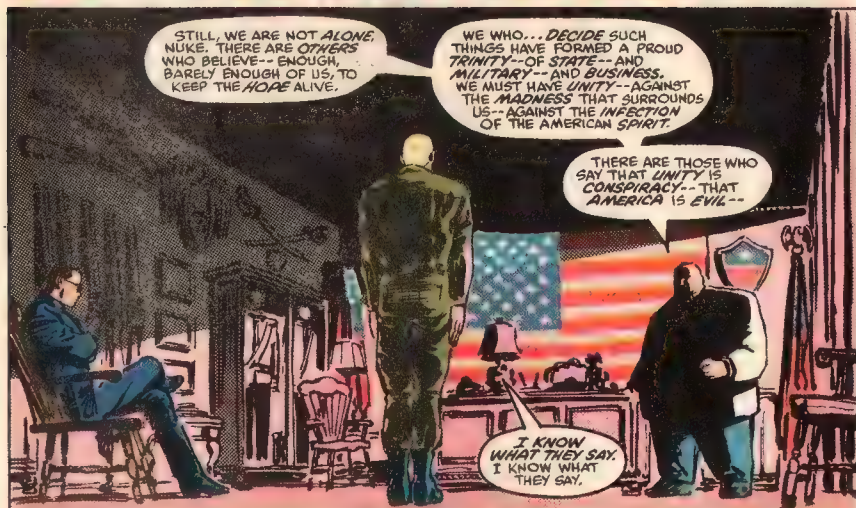
OUR  
BOYS...



...AND IT TORTURES ME THAT THE NOBLE  
CONCEPT OF *FREE ENTERPRISE*-- THE  
CROWNING TRIUMPH OF OUR FOREFATHERS--  
HAS BEEN *MURDERED* BY ENDLESS,  
CORROSIVE LEGISLATION.

TO SIMPLY KEEP  
SOME *SHADOW*  
OF THAT DREAM  
ALIVE, I MUST...  
MUST *BREAK*  
THE LAW...

...EXCUSE  
ME... I...

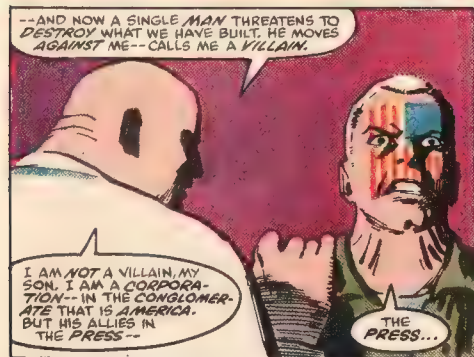


STILL, WE ARE NOT ALONE.  
NUKE. THERE ARE OTHERS  
WHO BELIEVE-- ENOUGH,  
BARELY ENOUGH OF US, TO  
KEEP THE *HOPES* ALIVE.

WE WHO... *DECIDE* SUCH  
THINGS HAVE FORMED A PROUD  
*TRINITY*-- OF STATE-- AND  
*MILITARY*-- AND *BUSINESS*.  
WE MUST HAVE *UNITY*-- AGAINST  
THE *MADNESS* THAT SURROUNDS  
US-- AGAINST THE *INFECTION*  
OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO  
SAY THAT *UNITY* IS  
*CONSPIRACY*-- THAT  
*AMERICA* IS EVIL--

I KNOW  
WHAT THEY SAY.  
I KNOW WHAT  
THEY SAY.



--AND NOW A SINGLE MAN THREATENS TO  
DESTROY WHAT WE HAVE BUILT. HE MOVES  
AGAINST ME-- CALLS ME A *VILLAIN*.

I AM *NOT* A VILLAIN, MY  
SON. I AM A *CORPORATION*-- IN THE CONGLOMER-  
ATE THAT IS *AMERICA*.  
BUT HIS ALLIES IN  
THE *PRESS*--

THE  
PRESS...



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IS HE?

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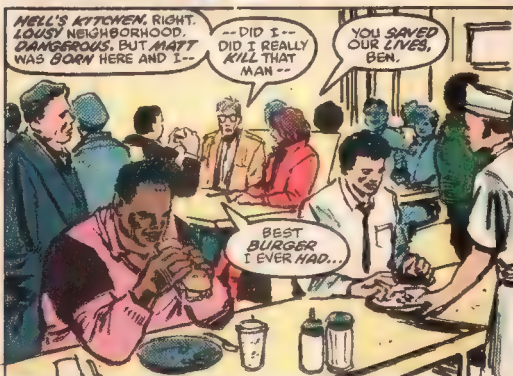
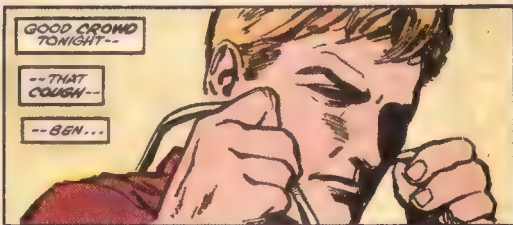
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IS ACHING  
MUSCLES AND  
GROWLING  
STOMACHS --  
CHILDREN'S FEET  
ON BROKEN  
GLASS -- HOPE-  
LESS LAUGHTER,  
ECHOING ACROSS  
AN EMPTY LOT.

HELL'S KITCHEN  
IS WHERE I WAS  
BORN -- AND  
BORN AGAIN.

THE BURGERS  
SIZZLE AND  
SNAP, THE  
BACON POPS  
ON THE GRIDDLE,  
NEARLY READY.  
THE EGGS --  
THEY'RE THE  
BEST PART --

--OVER EASY--  
HOT SECONDS  
TO GET THEM  
JUST SOLID  
ENOUGH-- THEN  
FLIP THEM --  
NEATLY, QUICKLY--

-- THEN GET  
THEM OFF  
WHILE THE  
YOLK IS STILL  
QUICKENING,  
BARELY  
CONTAINED...



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ACTION IN:

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CAN'T HELP  
YOU YET, BEN.  
CAN'T BE SEEN  
WITH ANYONE,  
UNTIL--

-- THAT  
SOUND...

...CHECKED  
MATT'S MEDICAL  
RECORDS AND FOUND  
SOMETHING FUNNY.  
IT'S ABOUT HIS MOTHER.  
-- MATT ALWAYS SAID  
SHE DIED GIVING  
BIRTH TO HIM, BUT...

...BLANDERS.  
I REALLY  
KILLED HIM...

# Diner



... THAT'S NO POLICE  
HELICOPTER...



THE CLUE WAS SLIM INDEED  
-- THE WORDS OF A THIRD-  
RATE THUG WHO CLAIMS  
HE HAD THE PLEASURE OF  
STABBING MURDOCK SOME  
DAYS PAST.

IT WOULD BE A LOGICAL  
HIDING PLACE. IT HOLDS  
MANY OF THE LOST AND  
NAMELESS. IT WAS HIS  
HOME, AS A BOY.



YES. MURDOCK WILL  
REVEAL HIMSELF--  
WHEN HELL'S KITCHEN  
BURNS.

SKIP THE NAPALM, BOY.  
THOSE ARE AMERICANS.  
JUST MESS THINGS UP.  
LITTLE PROPERTY DAMAGE  
CAN GO A LONG WAY.

WE'RE  
BRINGING  
YOU IN  
LOW...



LOW, TOO NEAR THE  
STREET-- THE MOTOR,  
ROARING--

-- DUST AND DIRT AND  
BLOWING GARBAGE--

-- COUGHING--STARTLED  
GASPS--AN ANGRY  
SHOUT--

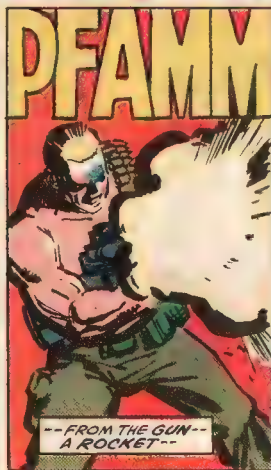
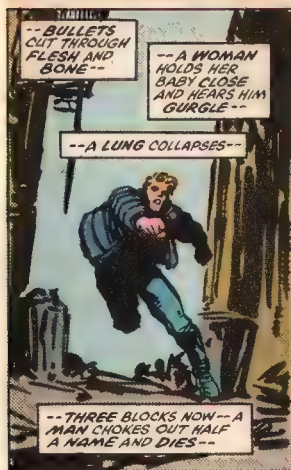
-- SOMETHING  
HUMAN--NISSES--



OUR  
BOYS--



THREE--NO--  
IT'S FOUR  
BLOCKS AWAY--



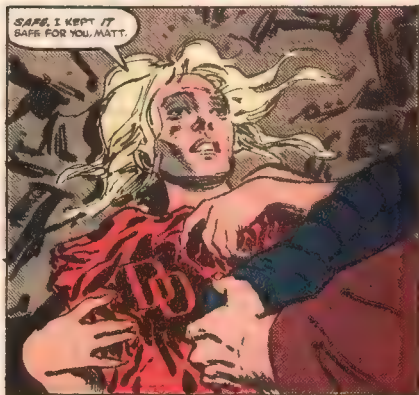
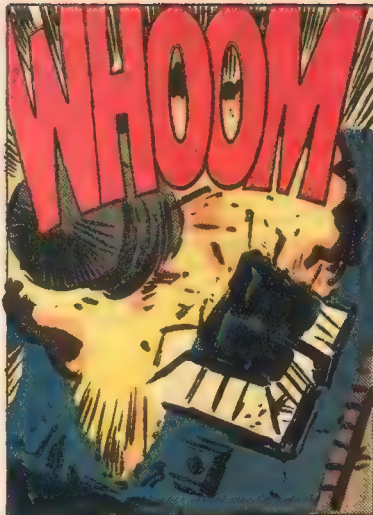


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## THE BULLPEN CHRISTMAS PARTY...

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### NOW IT CAN BE TOLD . . .

Santa's largest elf delivered some funny stuff:

—For tough-guy Executive Editor **Tom DeFako**, a **doorman**, since he doesn't have an assistant. Also, a **baseball bat** and a (stuffed) **baby seal** so he can have some fun.

—For X-Men writer **Chris Claremont**, a **scale model** of tough-gal X-Men Editor **Ann Nocenti** wearing a **Black Queen costume**.

—For superstar artist **Bill Sienkiewicz**, who always looks so tan and healthy, an **artificial palm tree** to go with his sun lamp.

—For Editor **Bob Budiansky**, who recently moved to New Jersey, a **gas mask**.

—For our brand-new Production Manager, **Anita Duncan**, **spurs** and a **riding crop**.

—For visiting **Ana Loos**, Editorial Director of **Junior Press**, which publishes **Marvel Comics** in Holland, a **souvenir tee shirt** bearing the legend "I ♥ New Amsterdam".

—For Senior Editor **Larry Hama**, who scripts (and created) **G.I. JOE**, a huge **American flag**.

—For a renowned **tightwad** who shall remain nameless, a pair of **Vise-grip pliers** with a **penny** clenched in the teeth.

Everybody got something funny (and something nice).

For the elf himself there was an **evening out kit** (a pair of theater tickets, money enough for dinner for two, and four subway tokens). Also a **cashmere scarf**, two jars of hot peppers (yum) and a host of other nifties, too many to list.

Fantastic.

After the **K-Otics** (Gary Hallgren, Nel-

son Yomtov, Jim Olbrys, Mark Bright, Brick Mason, Larry Hama) finished up, some of the party guests jammed. At one point we had **Jim Owsley** on drums, **Barry Windsor-Smith** on guitar, **Mark Bright** on bass and **Nelson Yomtov** on harmonica. **Adam Blaustein**, **Dori Daley**, and **Marcella Cherry** also chipped in.

My assistant **Lynn Cohen** organized it all.

She gives good party.

And we know how

### MEANWHILE . . .

Questions flood in regarding the **New Universe**. Be patient. You'll hear more about it soon. Next month. Till then, don't let the turkeys get you down.



Jim Shooter  
Editor in Chief

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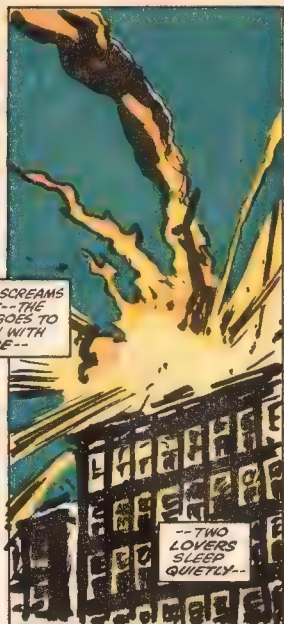
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Dear Sirs,  
Re: DAREDEVIL #227  
Little by little.  
Piece by piece.

The hero's world chips inexorably away and we, the readers, witness it. We're a little bit astonished, more than a little enthralled. We carefully peruse and absorb every word, marveling over every subtle nuance. "What is going on?" we ask ourselves faintly, a bit hopefully, but deep inside we already know the answer.

Our once beloved Karen, reduced to a pathetic, drug-riddled shell of her former self?

The once straight-laced and noble Nick reduced to a whimpering, lying puppet?

Matt Murdock, our hero, cast out of his chosen profession? Cheated out of his hard-earned money? Bombed out of the security of his home? Forced out of his lover's heart and affections?

We ask again what is going on? By this time, though, we know the answer.

We should pity the terrible Kingpin. He has torn Daredevil's world down. In so doing, though, he has created a blood enemy the likes of which even he has never seen before.

We nod gratefully, expectantly; for in thirty long days the drama will continue. We will be waiting.

We know what's going on.  
Miller is back!

Michael K. Willis  
San Diego, CA

You said it, Michael!

Frank,  
DAREDEVIL #227—"Apocalypse"—  
Beautiful, made me cry.

David Croghan  
Bronx, NY 10468

Dear Frank and Dave,

I walked into my local comic book store intent on getting my week's worth of comics when I spotted DAREDEVIL #227 on the counter. The cover emitted a Frank Miller-esque style which was a pleasure for my eyes to behold. The guy who runs the shop told me that he held it for me because it was the last copy and he knew that I'd want it. What luck! Sure that enough, I turned a few pages and saw that it said "By Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli." I had never been so excited in my life! After another brief taste of Miller in DAREDEVIL #219, I thought that he may never come back. I am glad that I was wrong. Frank Miller is back and better than ever! The storyline was great. The framing of Matt Murdock, was perfect. DAREDEVIL has been my favorite comic since DAREDEVIL #158 when Frank started on it.

I really like knowing the fact that even though the Kingpin is really powerful, he doesn't know everything. For example, the Kingpin states that Matt Murdock is actually pretending that he is blind, since it is "obvious" that Daredevil is not blind! This shows that the Kingpin does not know that Daredevil is really blind! I love it! When the chips are down, there is still one thing that Daredevil can catch the enemy with. This also shows that even though the Kingpin is powerful, he is not omniscient!

I am now leaving to camp in front of the comic book store to attack the man who is bringing the next issue of DAREDEVIL! It ought to be a classic. Keep up the good work, guys!

Dan Israel  
Petalsuma, CA

Dear Sirs,

Right from the first page of DAREDEVIL #227, I had a hunch that this issue was special. The rest of the issue lived up to the challenge. This was, quite simply, one of the most exciting, eventful, surprising stories that it has ever been my pleasure to read.

One thing that instantly struck me was the Kingpin's incredible patience and thoroughness. Judging from the timetable presented in this issue, it took four months for the effects to reach Matt Murdock, all coinciding brilliantly. The timing was exquisite. When a man, any man, goes about destroying his most hated enemy, it requires incredible restraint not to attempt to rush things, thereby exposing the plan to the haste that causes mistakes or gives everything away. The planning must have taken huge amounts of time, work, and cash in such volume that even the Kingpin would have hesitated if he had been aiming at any person but Daredevil.

The implications of this issue are staggering for every facet of Matt Murdock's life, and the lives of all of those near him. How will he live for the next several months? What will he do for work now that his law practice has been destroyed? Where will he live? Will the destruction of his building be blamed on him? What will he do about the Kingpin? I figure that he will severely retaliate!

All of these items seem to lead to a magnificent series in the issues to come. This series will probably be at least as good as the "Death of Elektra" saga. Considering the magnificent combined talents of Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli, I'm sure that it will live up to and most probably surpass everyone's greatest expectations, and will probably introduce some more unexpected twists that will have more impact on Daredevil's life.

Congratulations, gentlemen, you have again done a beautiful job.

Robert Coleman  
Regina, Saskatchewan

Well, as you know by now, Robert, things didn't go exactly the way the Kingpin had planned them to. He seemed to underestimate Daredevil's incredible endurance. This, as you see, creates a problem that not even the Kingpin anticipated! A very angry and very alive Daredevil.

Read on...

Dear Ralph,

I'm absolutely stunned!! I have just finished reading DAREDEVIL #227. I have just seen my favorite hero's life destroyed, his career and name dragged through the gutter. He does, indeed, become a ghost of a man. I hated it! I loved it!

DAREDEVIL #227 was a masterpiece. I have read this comic since DAREDEVIL #165, and, no offense to Mr. O'Neil (who has written many great DAREDEVIL stories over the last couple of years), Mr. Miller is the definitive DAREDEVIL writer.

This tale was brilliant from the title to the various characters' thoughts (I especially liked those of Ben Urich, who we see all too infrequently), to the beautiful passages throughout. Coupled with the artistic talent of David Mazzucchelli, parts of the story seemed almost like a dream, or more accurately, a nightmare. Unfortunately, "Apocalypse" was neither a dream nor a nightmare, and its effects should be felt for a long time to come. I sincerely hope that Matt can find a way to resolve his problems.

This issue stunned me. Each page gripped me with a fear of what was to come next. Having your arch-foe discover your secret identity has been dreaded by every super hero from Iron Man to Spider-Man, but never with such earth-shaking ramifications.

This was truly the best story I have read in my life. I await the next issue with bated breath. I am also anxiously awaiting the release of the ELEKTRA GRAPHIC NOVEL. Will that be out soon? I am really interested in reading it.

Patrick Tehill  
Cambridge, Ont  
Canada

Thank you for your kind words, Patrick. In answer to your question, the finishing touches are being put on the ELEKTRA GRAPHIC NOVEL even as this letter column is being written! The book is written by none other than Frank Miller and the artwork is in the very talented hands of Bill Sienkiewicz. We expect the book to be great, and evidently we're not alone in our high expectations. Look for it this year in your local comic store because it's sure to be a collector's item!



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